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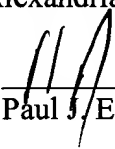
1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. H11-232779, dated August 27, 1999;  
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The references were cited in an Office Action dated April 19, 2005 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with an English translation of the Examiner's comments regarding the references from the Official Action. Please note the other reference cited in the Official Action, namely, Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2000-175161, dated June 23, 2000 was previously submitted in Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement dated December 1, 2004. The relevance of the references is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits a translation of portions of an official action by a foreign examiner in which the references were cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the references were cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the translation of the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

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